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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Non-Responsive Amendment

The Reply filed on August 6, 2002 (Paper No. 26) is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

In the Office action mailed February 6, 2002 (Paper No. 24), rejections/objections to claims that the Applicant has alleged to have been cancelled have not been addressed.

More concretely, there is a discrepancy in the Applicant's remarks at page 5 of Paper No. 26 and the status of the pending claims. Applicant has stated that claims 5, 12, 14, 18, 19, 21, 23-24, 26-29, 31 and 32 have been cancelled. The amendment (Amendment E; Paper No. 26) filed by the Applicant amends claims 1-4, 6, 7, 11, 13, 18, 20, 22, 25 and 30 and presents new claims 33-35. The amendment, however, does not cancel any claims.

Clarification with regard to the current status of claims 5, 12, 14, 18, 19, 21, 23-24, 26-29, 31 and 32 is required, and/or the Applicant is required to respond to the rejection(s)/objection(s) of claims 5, 12, 14, 18, 19, 21, 23-24, 26-29, 31 and 32 as presented by the Examiner in the Office action mailed February 6, 2002 (Paper No. 24).

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

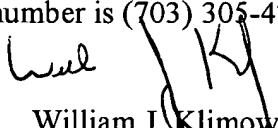
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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William J. Klimowicz whose telephone number is (703) 305-3452. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday (6:30AM-5:00PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hoa T. Nguyen can be reached on (703) 305-9687. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9314 for regular communications and (703) 872-9314 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-4700.


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